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H. R. 1983

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require Medicaid coverage of professional services of optometrists that are otherwise covered when furnished by a physician.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Optometric Equity in Medicaid Act of 2007".

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SEC. 2. REQUIRING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF OPTOMETRISTS THAT ARE OTHERWISE COVERED WHEN FURNISHED BY A PHYSICIAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(5)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and" before "(B)"; and

(2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: ", and (C) medical and surgical services furnished by an optometrist (described in section 1861(r)(4)) to the extent such services may be performed under State law either by a doctor of medicine or by a doctor of optometry and would be described in clause (A) if furnished by a physician (as defined in section 1861(r)(1))".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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